



Ysgol Sant Elfod

Oni flagura ni ffrwytha

Mighty oaks from little acorns grow

Chwefror 17eg February 17th 2023

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Proposed Strike Action by National Education Union

As you will no doubt be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has balloted members and confirmed that they will undertake 4 days of strike action. The second day being **2nd March 2023**. Both teaching and support staff are eligible to be members of the NEU and there is an impact therefore across the workforce of our school.

Under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, the school must take reasonable steps to ensure that staff and pupils are not exposed to risks to their health and safety.

In light of the strike action and consequent impact on staffing levels, this includes undertaking a full risk assessment to determine whether a school can open safely, and ensure adequate supervision for all learners both in and outside of lessons. As headteacher, I, along with senior colleagues and governors have undertaken this risk assessment and considered the impact for learners. As a team, we have agreed that the school will be closed to all pupils.

For learners who are entitled to Free School Meals, there will be an opportunity to collect a packed lunch from the school kitchen via our Catering Teams. A link to book a packed lunch is included in the letter dated **17-2-2023**.

I appreciate and apologise for the impact this has for you and your child/ children. Unlike the pandemic, when specific rules and regulations were amended to make provision for groups of learners, the decision about full or partial closure is simply an outcome of the risk assessment, and we cannot accommodate supervision of any learners.

Thank you for your continued support.

Gwynne Vaughan

Diary / Dyddiadur

Chwefror/ February

28th School Opens 8.55am

28th "What Wales Means to Me" work to be bought in.

28th Dosbarth 6 & 9 Renewable Energy Workshop at Emrys-ap-Iwan

Mawrth/ March

1st St David's Day- wear something red or traditional Welsh costume.

1st Dosbarth 8 at Emrys-ap-Iwan

3rd Dosbarth 10 & 7 Renewable Energy Workshop at Emrys-ap-Iwan

6th Our World Book Day



Sêr yr Wythnos

Lower School

Charlie B-R Olivia Z
Isabella D Keian S Thea H

Upper School

Safaa M Annie M Ellie C
Henry G Isabelle B

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School Eisteddfod March 1st/ Mawrth 1af

To celebrate **St David's Day** this year we would like all pupils to create an Art or Craft piece to produce a piece of work that symbolises **"What Wales Means to You"**.

Work could be a:- **collage, poem, story, painting, fact file, poster, 3-D model, drawing, knitting etc.** The work could depict Symbols of Wales, Castles and Dragons, Welsh Music and Musicians or Sport in Wales -it should reflect **"What Wales Means to You"**. Let your creativity flow!

Please ensure your child's name and class is written on the back of their creation and that all entries are in school by Tuesday 28th February. Diolch yn fawr iawn a phob lwc!

On March 1st the pupils may wear red or traditional Welsh costume.



Hen wlad fy nhadau

As part of our Eisteddfod on March 1st, the pupils have been asked to sing part of our National Anthem. Here are the words so they can practice over the half term holiday!

Hen wlad fy nhadau

Verse 1

Mae hen wlad fy nhadau yn annwyl i mi,
Gwlad beirdd a chantorion, enwogion o fri;
Ei gwrol ryfelwyr, gwladgarwyr tra môd,
Dros ryddid collasant eu gwaed.

Chorus

Gwlad, gwlad pleidiol wyf i'm gwlad.
Tra môr yn fur i'r bur hoff bau,
O bydded i'r hen iaith barhau.

Verse 2

Hen Gymru fynyddig, paradwys y bardd,
Pob dyffryn, pob clogwyn, i'm golwg sydd hardd;
Trwy deimlad gwladgarol, mor swynol yw si
Ei nentydd, afonydd, i mi.



Be Bright, Be Seen

Wow, what a fantastic turn out for active travel today and wonderfully, colourful, bright clothing to keep us safe!

We looked at the area around school and what problems could occur on our journey to school, we have given feedback on what is safe and not safe. This information will be collated and shared with Conwy Council so more children can travel actively and safely to school!

Next month we have our big bike and wheel! Look out for information on this in future newsletters.





New Date—Monday 6th March

We invite all the pupils to celebrate World Book Day by coming to school dressed as a character from a book. Dressing up is optional and if your child prefers, they can come to school in non-uniform. There will be some fantastic book prizes this year written by Welsh authors or stories in Wales.

We will be holding a Book Swap, pupils may bring in book to swap. During the day we will be celebrating our love for reading and books with many activities.

Further information about World Book Day can be found on www.worldbookday.com

Urdd Football Team



Girls' Football Team



Wellbeing

This week Dosbarth 9 have been very busy looking after their health and wellbeing. We have enjoyed paying compliments to this week's PATHS person Alfie as well as celebrating one another's positive personalities with our

class appreciations notes.

We have participated enthusiastically in 'Be Bright, Be Seen' activities to help keep us safe and sound as we travel to and from school and in our communities. We have looked at maps of Abergele and routes around our school along with taking part in a survey for Sustrans to further improve the safety of our journeys to and from school. We used sketch maps to show our safest routes to school.

During P.E. we have had great fun working with each other to improve our hockey skills using games such as 'Seaweed and Fishermen' and 'Continuous Knockout'.

Finally, we loved taking part in our Jigsaw Wellbeing lesson where we worked in groups to discuss what we would like as our class learning charter. We had to consider our RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES, REWARDS AND CONSEQUENCES as we are learning to appreciate the importance of working collaboratively to get the best out of our learning experiences!



CORNEL CYMRAEG

Here is a helpful reminder of 'Dechrau Da Bookstart'. This is a brilliant place to find stories and rhymes to share with each other in Cymraeg.

[Bookstart in Wales](#) | [BookTrust](#)



Feeling creative?



Fun things to make and do

Download our bilingual craft and colouring sheets.

It's story time



Listen to Bookstart stories

Snuggle up with your little one and enjoy listening to a story together in English or Welsh.

Share a rhyme



Songs and rhymes

Have fun sharing rhymes with your child. Sing-along to our audio rhymes or download our rhyme sheets.

Brawddeg yr Wythnos

In our Gwasanaeth Cymraeg this week, we listened to the story of Princess Gwenllian.



Princess Gwenllian

Date of Birth
1100

Place of Birth
Aberffraw, Ynys Môn (Anglesey), Wales

Famous for
Gwenllian was a brave and strong princess who led a Welsh army to battle. She died on the battlefield whilst trying to protect her people and her land.

Who Are They?
Daughter of Gruffudd ap Cynan and his wife Angharad. Her father was the Prince of Gwynedd and they were members of the Aberffraw family of Gwynedd.

Life
Gwenllian was the daughter of the Prince of Gwynedd and lived in the Age of the Princes; around AD 1100, when Wales was a dangerous place to live. The Normans and the English wanted to own the land and the castles.

Gwenllian married Gruffydd ap Rhys, the Prince of Deheubarth and joined his family as Princess Consort of Deheubarth. They had many children.

She was a warrior princess and would often join her husband in battle. While Gwenllian's husband was in Gwynedd with her father planning to expel the Normans from Wales, a large army of Normans arrived wanting to conquer the district of Dinewyr because it was a fertile land.

Gwenllian was forced to act quickly, forming a small army of local men to protect her people and the land. She was betrayed by Gruffydd ap Llywelyn, who warned the Normans of her plan. A fierce battle was fought near Castell Cydweli (Kidwelly Castle) and Gwenllian was executed on the battle field.

Interesting Fact
'Caniad Hun Gwenllian' is a traditional Welsh lullaby written by the bard Meilyr Brydydd (1061-1137) to remember the tragic tale of the princess.



Community News

Warm Welcome Roadshow

Help and advice
for the rising cost of living

2pm-6pm, Monday 27 February

Dinorben Family Centre
Faenol Avenue
Abergele
LL22 7HT



February Half Term 2023	Morning Playful Parents 9:30am-11am	Afternoon Playing Out 1:00pm-3:00pm	The Evening Have A Go 6:30pm-8:00pm
Monday	Sirles Park, Cefwyn Bay, LL29 8HP	Chester Avenue, Kinnel Bay, LL18 5LA	Oak Tree Centre, Rhyd, LL19 2DY
Tuesday	Bodfardd, Conwy, LL32 8DU	Tan Y Fron Park, Begyany, LL31 9YL	
Wednesday	Trefnig Play Park, Trefnig, LL37 0KZ	Pontre Du Park, Derws Y Goed, LL36 0ES	
Thursday	Church Road Park, Rhos on Sea, LL28 4DZ	Swn Y Donk Park, Pefwys, LL31 9LL	Tan Llan Community Field, Old Colwyn, LL31 9BB
Friday	Queens Park, Craig Y Donk, LL30 1TK	Cwm Ffiss, Llandudno, LL30 5LP	Salle Regis Hegeh, Pentresantowr, LL36 6BB



Morning
9:30am-11am
Playful Parents Session - suitable for 0-5
We will have additional staff and activities for up to an older



Afternoon
1:00pm-3:00pm
Playing Out Session - suitable for 8-15
Under 5's welcome but must be accompanied by an adult



Evening
6:30pm-8:00pm
Have A Go Session - suitable for 11+ (Year 6 and up)



STORY WRITING FOR KIDS!

HALF-TERM EVENT AT ABERGELE LIBRARY! FREE STORY WRITING SESSION FOR CHILDREN. COME AND WRITE A STORY WITH LOCAL AUTHOR **DIANE WOODROW!**

WEDNESDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY AT 2PM
SUITABLE FOR AGES 8-12 YEARS



CONTACT ABERGELE LIBRARY TO RESERVE A PLACE

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abergele.library@conwy.gov.uk



READING FRIENDS!

Do you love **reading, writing** or **being creative?**

Do you like **making new friends?**
If so, join our Reading Friends group!



Abergele Library
Every other Saturday
11:00-12:00, Age 8-12

Contact the library for further details

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TALKING TEENS

Starting Thursday

2nd of March (5 week course)

1:15 - 3:00pm

at Ysgol Maes Owen, Kinnel Bay

Contact Lois or Ffion for more information

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